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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's cooperation in conducting a telephone interview on September 9, 2005, to discuss the claim amendments and the comments set forth below is respectfully acknowledged.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52 have been amended along the lines discussed in the telephone interview.

In particular, independent claims 32 and 41 has been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the new document file is generated from desired picked up individual pages.

In addition, independent claim 41 has been amended to make two minor grammatical improvements, as well as to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the page icons/thumbnails corresponding to the plurality of pages of at least one selected registered document file corresponding to at least one selected icon/thumb nail in the list window area are displayed in a palette window area, as recited in independent claim 32.

Still further, independent claims 50 and 52 have been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby

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the editing operation includes picking up desired individual pages of the plurality of the pages of the at least one registered document file based on a designation of page icons/thumbnails in the palette window area corresponding to the desired individual pages, and unifying the picked up individual pages, in the manner recited in amended independent claims 32 and 41.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 32, 41, 50 and 52 be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 3-5, 7, 12, 22, 23, 29-33, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 45 and 47-55 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of USP 6,307,545 ("Conrad et al") and USP 6,549,302 ("Takeda et al"); and claims 11, 27, 34, 37, 43 and 46 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Conrad et al, Takeda et al and USP 6,084,688 ("Stumbo et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites column 1, lines 32-37, column 4, lines 5-28, column 11, lines 5-41, column 12, lines 15-47 and Figs. 14A, 14B, 15A and 15B of Conrad et al as disclosing: (a) a list window area including a plurality

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of document icons/thumbnails corresponding to registered document files each including a plurality of pages, and (b) a palette window area including page icons/thumbnails corresponding to the plurality of pages of at least one selected registered document file corresponding to at least one selected icon/thumbnaill in the list window area, and (c) a file controller which picks up desired pages of the plurality of pages of the at least one selected registered document file based on a designation of page icons/thumbnails in the palette window area corresponding to the desired pages, and which unifies the picked up pages to generate a new document file and a corresponding new document file icon/thumbnaill based on the picked up pages.

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52, desired individual pages of the plurality of the pages of the selected at least one registered document file are picked up, wherein the desired individual pages correspond to designated page icons/thumbnails in the palette window area, and the picked up individual pages are unified to generate a new document file and a corresponding new document file icon/thumbnaill based on the picked up individual pages.

By contrast, it is respectfully submitted that Conrad et al merely discloses a drag-and-drop method in which the hierarchy of windows can be navigated while the desired object is being

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dragged, by using "hot spots" to "spring open" enclosures (folders) whenever the hot spot of the enclosure is moused-over. And it is respectfully submitted that a drag-and-drop method as disclosed by Conrad et al does not at all correspond to extracting pages from a registered document file, but rather merely relates to moving a document file.

In particular, it is respectfully pointed out that even according to the Examiner's interpretation of Conrad et al, the original enclosure of the icon/object to be moved corresponds to the list window area of the claimed present invention, and the destination enclosure of the moved icon/object corresponds to the palette window area of the claimed present invention.

Therefore, in keeping with the Examiner's interpretation of Conrad et al, the picked up individual pages of the claimed present invention do not at all correspond to the icon/object to be moved picked up from the original enclosure, since the original enclosure (according to the Examiner) corresponds to the list window area of the claimed present invention.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Conrad et al does not disclose, teach or suggest selecting desired individual pages from the icon moved to the destination enclosure for further editing.

Indeed, the Examiner has relied upon Takeda et al for the disclosure of unifying picked up pages.

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However, it is respectfully pointed out that Takeda et al also does not disclose picking up desired individual pages of the plurality of pages of the at least one selected registered document file based on a designation of page icons/thumbnails in the palette window area corresponding to the desired individual pages, in the manner of the claimed present invention.

That is, as recognized by the Examiner, Takeda et al discloses combining one document with another document by dropping one document icon on another document icon (column 14, lines 18-39), and Takeda et al discloses dividing a document into a plurality of documents (column 14, line 40 to column 15, lines 21).

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Takeda et al does not disclose, teach or suggest extracting a plurality of desired individual pages from a document and combining the desired individual pages into a new file, in the manner of the claimed present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52, and claims 3-5, 7, 11, 12, 22, 23, 27, 29-31, 33-40, 42-49, 51 and 53-55 respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over the combination of Conrad et al and Takeda et al, as a pair or together with Stumbo et al, under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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